The New Hampshire Update Spring 2012

The New Hampshire Update, which will be distributed every six months, is a communication tool designed to keep you updated on what's new and exciting in New Hampshire's tourism industry.

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1. LODGING

The Inns & Spa at Mills Falls, Meredith- Winner of the Travelers' Choice® Award by TripAdvisor® as one of the Top 25 Hotels for Best Relaxation/Spa in the United States. This is the only inn and spa located in New England to make the category. Mills Falls is settled in a historic mill town that has been transformed into a village resort. Contact: Bob Strang Bob@millfalls.com P: (800) 508-4598 www.millfalls.com

Courtyard by Marriot, Concord- Grappone Conference Center added an additional 2,600 square feet of meeting space due to open April 2012. Contact: Joyce Bresciani <u>ibresciani@waterfordhotelgroup.com</u> P: (800) 321-2211 www.courtyardconcord.com

2. CULINARY

1785 Inn & Restaurant, North Conway- An ideal day of shopping at Settlers Green with VIP discount cards followed by a winter decoration tour of the inn and a rich dinner at the inn. Contact: Charlie Mallar the1785inn@aol.com P: (603) 356-9025 www.the1785inn.com

Walpole Mountain View Winery, Walpole- Spectacular views and extraordinary wines from 32 French-American Hybrid and Cold-Climate grape varieties. Wine tasting, self-guided stroll through our 5-acre vineyard, and visit our gift shop of locally made and wine/grape-related products. Contact: Virgina Carter vineyard@sover.net P: (603) 756-3948 www.bhvineyard.com

The Common Man Restaurant, Concord- Now offering custom American fare group menus! Conveniently located in the capitol city and a stone's throw away from I93, the Common Man is the perfect way to experience New England culture through a unique dining experience that you will only find in New Hampshire. Contact: Lauren Carpenter cmcevents@thecman.com P: (603) 228-DINE www.thecman.com

3. EVENTS

Mountain View Grand Winter Carnival, Whitefield- Events such as broom hockey, ice skating contests, snowshoeing, snow tubing, and themed evenings with dinner and activities such as Neon Explosion, Mardi Gras Magic, Jungle Fever and Hoppin' Hawaiian Luau. Contact: Rachel Manner Rachel.Manner@mountainviewgrand.com P: (603) 837-0024 www.mountainviewgrand.com

Sleigh & Wagon Rides, Pittsburg- Every Saturday in the winter The Inn at Bear Tree will be offering ice-skating, sledding, and old fashion sleigh and wagon rides. Contact: Chantal Carney beartree@nhecwb.com P: (603) 538-9995 www.beartreecabins.com/activities-a-events/

Vintage Christmas, Portsmouth- "Holiday Doors of Portsmouth" and Vintage Christmas Pop-up Market at The Loft. The first 3 weekends in December, anchored by Candlelight Stroll at Strawbery Banke Museum and live holiday shows at The Music Hall. Sales tax free holiday shopping! Contact: Jonathan Brown info@strawberybanke.org P: (603) 433-1100 www.vintagechristmasnh.org

4. ACTIVITIES

Ragged Ski Mountain, Danbury- Mountain Resort recently announced over \$1 million in resort improvements for the upcoming winter season. A brand new, fully-automated snowmaking system. Contact: Stacy Lopes Stacy.Lopes@Ragged-mt.com P: (603) 768-3600 www.raggedmountainresort.com

MV Kearsarge Restaurant Ship, Sunapee- Recently renovated, restored interiors and updated cruise narration. Contact: Marybeth Fenton MVK@tds.net P: (603) 938-6465 www.sunapeecruises.com

M/S Mount Washington, Lake Winnipesaukee- Celebrating 140 years this 2012 season, they will be providing new educational cruises highlighting their history, the lakes region and wildlife. Contact: Carol Morash Carol@cruisenh.com P: (603) 366-5531 www.cruisenh.com/index.php

Smuttynose Brewery, Hampton- This fall, construction begins on a 42,000 square-foot property on 42 acres which will be the site of a new brewery and restaurant facility. Tours of their sister brewery in Portsmouth are available by appointment. Contact: Kevin Love kevin@smuttynose.com P: (603) 436-4026 www.smuttynose.com

Albert Theatre, Berlin- 20,000 square feet is going to be redesigned as an entertainment center providing actives for families and children of all ages. Entertainment such as 18-hole indoor mini-golf, bumper cars, climbing wall, laser tag and much more will be available starting fall of 2012. Contact: Paul Cusson P: (603) 752-2268

Settlers' Green, North Conway- Featuring among Settlers' Green Outlets are the new stores Orvis,

American Eagle, Rue 21 and Gold Toe Outlets all with tax free prices and items. Contact: Megan Ramsay Megan_ramsay@ovpmanagement.com P: (603) 356-7031 www.settlersgreen.com

Merrimack Premium Outlets, Merrimack- Opening June 14th 2012, bringing old New England charm to the constructed Premium Outlet® 135 designers and name-brand outlet stores will be featured. Among this architecture, courtyards, fountains, restaurants and landscaping you will find names such as Sax Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Nike, and Bloomingdale's. Contact: Aylin Felch afelch@simon.com P: (603) 424-0050 www.outletsyes.com/

Currier & Ives Scenic Byway: Improved 30 miles of cleared trails now provided along the Southwest near Contoocook and Blackwater River accommodating cross country skiers and snowmobilers with a scenic route. Contact: Kate Bartlett hennikerhouse@comcast.net P: (603) 428-3198 www.currierandlivesbyway.org

Gundalow Company, Portsmouth- Launched their new gundalow cruise *PISCATAQUA* in December 2011 and it is set to sail with passengers beginning Memorial Day weekend through October. Docked at Prescott Park. Contact: Daisy Wilson info@gundalow.org P: (603) 433-9505 www.gundalow.org

MV Mt Sunapee II Tour Boat, Sunapee- New menus, group packages, and renovations. Contact: Marybeth Fenton MVK@tds.net P: (603) 938-6465 www.sunapeecruises.com

Ultimate Treasure Hunt, Portsmouth- Introducing a treasure hunt that uses cell phone text message capability to walk the destination city. Answer questions and win prizes/coupons while learning history and current events. Contact: Deborah Humiston info@uthunts.com P: (603) 772-8772 www.uthunts.com

Gunstock Mountain Adventure Park, Gilford- Off-Road Segway Tours, recently rated one of the Best Segway Tours in the World by Segway! Features; ZipTour Ziplines, the Longest Ziplines in the continental US; Aerial Treetop Adventures the largest aerial course in New England with 91 challenges, 12 zip lines & kid's explorer course. Contact: Bill Quigley groupsales@gunstock.com P: (603) 293-4341 www.gmradventurepark.com

5. ARTS & CULTURE

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner- Opening a new gallery devoted to contemporary art on May 1 2012. The museum also features historic baskets, pottery, bead and quill work, archaeological artifacts and an outdoor nature trail. Contact: Edie Daigle, visitorservices@indianmuseum.org P: (603) 456-2600 www.indianmuseum.org

Victorian Railroad Station, Andover- Visit a 1874 railroad station, a 1913 outfitted general store and post office, a Rutland caboose and a secret garden all part of the Andover NH Historical Society in the village of Potter Place. Open mid-May to mid-October on Saturday and Sunday or by special arrangements. Contact: pres@andoverhistory.org: www.andoverhistory.org

New London Historical Society, New London- New programs offering interaction with 19th century

buildings, horse-drawn vehicles, herb garden, blacksmith shop and much more. Contact: Maggie Ford Maggieford@comcast.net P: (603) 526-7245 www.newlondonhistoricalsociety.org

Walpole Valley Farms, Walpole- New farm store where you'll find pasture-raised meats and eggs including 100% grass-fed and finished beef, pasture raised chicken and turkey, grass-fed and finished lamb, pasture-raised pork, eggs from pasture-raised hens and syrup made from sap collected on the farm. Contact: Caitlin Caserta Caitlin@WalpoleValleyFarms.com P: (603) 756-2805 www.walpolevalleyfarms.com

6. ANNIVERSARIES

Pat's Peak, Henniker- 50 years in 2013 Contact: Lori Rowell lori@patspeak.com P: (603) 491-8482 www.patspeak.com

Woodstock Inn Station & Brewery, North Woodstock- 30 years on Christmas 2012 Contact: Scott Rice scott@woodstockinnnh.com P: (603) 745-5605 www.woodstockinnnh.com

Lakes Region Tourism Association- 2012 Celebrates its 75th year promoting the Lakes Region as a tourism destination and assisting visitors and groups with travel plans. Contact: Kim Sperry Ksperry@lakesregion.org P: (603) 286-8008 www.lakesregion.org

The Wolfeboro Inn, Wolfeboro- Celebrating 200 years this 2012 year. The Inn has been serving food, fun and sprits. Contact: Lucy Van Cleve lvancleve@wolfeboroinn.com P: (603) 569-3016 www.wolfeboroinn.com

Purity Spring Resort, Freedom- Celebrating 100 years this 2012 Contact: Dan Houde marketing@purityspring.com P: (603) 367-4042 www.puritysprings.com

Funspot, **Laconia**- 60th year celebration for being the world's largest arcade. Contact: Sandra Lawton <u>slawton@weirs.com</u> P: (603) 366-4377 <u>www.funspotnh.com</u>

The Common Man- The family is celebrating its' 40th year in business in NH. November 2012 will mark our entire 40th year. Contact: Lauren Carpenter cmcevents@thecman.com P: (603) 228-3463 www.thecman.com

The Margate Resort, Laconia- They opened in 1952 and are still family owned and operated while celebrating their 60th year in 2012. Contact: Kate Bruchacoza Kate.B@themargate.com P: (603) 524-5210 www.themargate.com

Gunstock Mountain Resort, Gilford- 75th anniversary 2012/2013 Contact: Bill Quigley groupsales@gunstock.com P: (603) 293-4341 www.gunstock.com

Old Man, Franconia Notch- 2013 is the 10th anniversary of the Old Man falling down Contact: nholdmanlegacy@gmail.com P: (603) 505-8447 http://www.oldmanofthemountainlegacyfund.org/

Cranmore Mountain, North Conway- Celebrating 75 years in 2013 of mountain fun and building family memories. Contact: Kathy Bennett info@cranmore.com P: (603) 356-8561 www.cranmore.com

Waterville Valley Ski Area, Waterville Valley- Commemorate 45 years in 2012. Contact: Conrad Oldenburg oldenburg@waterville.com P: (603) 236-8366 www.waterville.com

Clark's Trading Post, Lincoln- 85th year in 2013 Contact: Anne Englert info@clarkstradingpost.com P: (603) 745-8913 www.clarkstradingpost.com

Town of Woodstock- Commemorating 250 years in Aug 2013 and will have a week of celebration. Contact: Judy Welch admin@woodstocknh.org P: (603) 745-8752 www.woodstocknh.org

M/S Mount Washington, Lake Winnipesaukee- Celebrating 140 years this 2012 season. Contact: Carol Morash Carol@cruisenh.com P: (603) 366-5531 www.cruisenh.com